



BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING – AUGUST 2015

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met August 7, 2015, in Cedar Rapids. Sixth Community-Based Corrections (CBC) District Director Bruce Vander Sanden and staff welcomed the Board and guests. Director Jerry Bartruff informed the Board that the Department of Corrections ([DOC](#)) continues to work with the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) regarding the July inmate escape at the old Iowa State Penitentiary (ISP) at Fort Madison. He indicated the DOC moved 507 maximum security offenders from the old ISP to the new ISP on August 1, 2015, without incident. Director Bartruff thanked state and local law enforcement, wardens, and staff, for accomplishing the move with no incidents. Warden Nick Ludwick indicated the new prison will be moving from restricted access soon, as staff and offenders become acclimated to the facility.

Central Office. Director Bartruff announced the restructure of the DOC Central Office by creating a Deputy Director for Institutions and a Deputy Director for CBC rather than Deputy Directors assigned to an Eastern and Western Division. He appointed Dan Craig as Deputy Director for Institutions and Sally Kreamer as Deputy Director for CBC. The position of an Office of Inspector General was created and Diann Wilder was appointed to that position.

FY 2017 Budget. Deputy Director Brad Hier presented a draft of the FY 2017 budget proposal. The request will be status quo. The Board may consider support for additional items, such as increases of:

- \$79,000 for support costs at the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women (ICIW) at Mitchellville.
- \$1.3 million for pharmacy costs at the Iowa Medical Classification Center at Oakdale.
- \$31,000 to replace expired federal grants for Adult Drug Courts.
- \$2.0 million to cover shared expenses formerly funded by General Fund appropriations to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for operating the Mental Health Institutes (MHIs) at Clarinda and Mount Pleasant.
- \$750,000 for count confinement costs to reimburse counties for holding alleged violators of parole and work release in county jails until a hearing is held.

Special Audit. The Sixth Judicial CBC District Department received a special audit at the request of the DOC and the [Office of the Auditor of State](#) released reports in January 2014 and July 2015. Sixth CBC District Director Vander Sanden indicated that communication and collaboration with the DOC Central Office has greatly improved and no funds were misappropriated for personal gain. Director Bartruff indicated the DOC contracts for services with each of the eight CBC District Departments through a Purchase of Service (POS) agreement. The POS contract will be adjusted to address the variation in sick leave and vacation accruals across the State. Communication, collaboration, and oversight will increase through the accreditation process to ensure uniformity across the State.

Easements. The Board approved two easements for access and utility upgrades at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. The DOC may receive approximately \$66,000 under Iowa Code section [904.317](#) to be used for capital improvements.

Recidivism Reduction. Roxann Scheffert and Mike Boatman serve as Quality Assurance Specialists for the State Recidivism Reduction Initiative (SRRI). This initiative is funded by a \$3.0 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs through the Bureau of Justice Assistance for three years. The DOC is providing training on the DRAOR (Dynamic Risk Assessment for Offender Re-entry) assessment tool to create a seamless process when offenders transition between the Institutions and

CBC. Consistent use of the assessment tool will be assured through audits. The SSRI Task Force will meet September 25 in Des Moines.

ANCHOR Center. Dr. Melinda Lamb updated the Board on the ANCHOR Center, a 26-bed residential facility that provides treatment to offenders with a mental health diagnosis. The facility opened in April 2015 as a residential treatment facility. All of the offenders have a mental health diagnosis; some also have dual diagnosis, such as substance abuse, and medical issues. Individual treatment plans are developed for each offender. The Sixth CBC District Department works with local service providers as well as the DOC.

School Districts. Michelle Reese provided information to the Board on the “Split Second Decisions, Lifelong Consequences” presentation she provides to eighth grade students at four middle schools within the Sixth CBC District Department. The presentation focuses on educating youth on the possible ramifications of certain behaviors in relation to the sex offender laws, such as 10 years to lifetime special supervision. Sometimes students share explicit information without realizing the consequences.

Public Comment. Sixth CBC Board Chair Alan Thoms thanked the staff of the District Department for their professionalism and dedication over the last three years during the special audit.

Additional Information. The Board of Corrections is scheduled to meet September 4, 2015, at the ICIW at Mitchellville. Refer to the **FISCAL UPDATE News Article** [New Maximum Security Prison Opens at Fort Madison](#) for additional information on prison construction, capacity, and operating costs. The **FISCAL UPDATE News Article** [State Audit Addendum Report: Sixth Judicial District Department](#) provides background, findings, conclusions, and recommendations specific to that District Department. The **FISCAL UPDATE News Article** [State Auditor Report on Community-Based Corrections](#) provides a summary of findings and recommendations for the eight CBC District Departments, including sick leave and vacation accrual, funding, and oversight by the DOC. See the **FISCAL UPDATE News Article** [Offender Re-Entry Task Force Meeting](#) for a summary of the SRRI.

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